

107TH CONGRESS
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S. RES. 211

Designating March 2, 2002, as “Read Across America Day”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 15, 2002

Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. REED) submitted the following resolution;
which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

RESOLUTION

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Whereas reading is a basic requirement for quality education
and professional success, and a source of pleasure
throughout life;

Whereas Americans must be able to read if the Nation is to
remain competitive in the global economy;

Whereas Congress, through the No Child Left Behind Act of
2001 (Public Law 107–110) and the new Reading First,
Early Reading First, and Improving Literacy Through
School Libraries programs, has placed great emphasis on
reading intervention and additional resources for reading
assistance; and

Whereas more than 40 national associations concerned about
reading and education have joined with the National
Education Association to use March 2, the anniversary of

the birth of Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr. Seuss, to
celebrate reading: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) designates March 2, 2002, as “Read Across
3 America Day”;

4 (2) honors Theodor Geisel, also known as Dr.
5 Seuss, for his success in encouraging children to dis-
6 cover the joy of reading;

7 (3) encourages parents to read with their chil-
8 dren for at least 30 minutes on Read Across Amer-
9 ica Day in honor of Dr. Seuss and in a celebration
10 of reading; and

11 (4) requests that the President issue a procla-
12 mation calling on the people of the United States to
13 observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and ac-
14 tivities.

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